



# **ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY PUBLIC RECORDS UNIT**

## **PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST**

The Public Records Unit (PRU) has completed the attached Public Records Request (PRR). Should you have any questions concerning this request, contact the DPS Custodian of Records at 602-223-2345, or [public\\_records@azdps.gov](mailto:public_records@azdps.gov). Please refer to the attached record number (PRR #) when referencing your inquiry.

Having searched for documents responsive to your request, the Department responds to your records request as follows:

**PRR #: 2019-0688**

1. We are pleased to enclose the records you requested.

**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**



**ROBERT C. HALLIDAY**  
DIRECTOR

**DATE:** June 11, 2012  
**TO:** Captain Dansen Coleman, #4047, Special Investigations Unit  
**FROM:** Detective Jennifer Borquez, #6138, Special Investigations Unit  
**SUBJECT:** STATUS OF CASE #2012-016338  
FALSE REGISTRATION

**FOR:** ☐ Action ☐ Decision ☒ Information ☐ Signature

Dear Captain Coleman,

On Thursday, April 12, 2012, I was assigned to conduct criminal investigation into False Registration, a class 6 Felony. A criminal allegation was made by Harry Hughes against Jason Ready. The criminal case was brought to the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) by Pinal County Attorney Joe Albo.

On Wednesday, May 2, 2012, Ready was found deceased by the Gilbert Police Department, outside a residence, located at I have determined the criminal allegation does not warrant further investigation.

**Allegation – False Registration (16-182)**

The Pinal County Attorney's Office provided copies of Ready's recent voter registrations, recent Pinal County Statement of Political Organization forms, and a letter submitted by Hughes advising of his resignation from the Committee to Elect Ready.

Hughes alleged Ready committed False Registration when Ready listed his residence as Hughes' residence on multiple official documents.

**Investigation**

On Wednesday, April 18, 2012, I called Hughes. I spoke to a woman, who stated Hughes was out of town until Tuesday, April 24, 2012, and could be reached via electronic mail (e-mail). At 0917 hours, I sent Hughes an e-mail requesting an interview.

I contacted the DPS Criminal Intelligence Research Unit and spoke with Research Specialist Melanie Hubert, #5574, and requested a complete "work up" on Ready.

On Thursday, April 19, 2012, at 1115 hours, Hughes replied and stated he was available for an interview anytime after 1000 hours on April 24, 2012. We agreed the interview would be at 1300 hours, at his residence located at

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On Thursday, April 19, 2012, at 1531 hours, I received an e-mail from Hubert containing the requested documents.

On Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at approximately 1300 hours, Detective Matthew Murray, #4608, and I met with Hughes at his residence. We conducted an interview that lasted 41 minutes and 22 seconds. The compact disc containing the interview was placed into the DPS Central Region Property and Evidence Section, located at 2325 North 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, 85009.

During the interview, Hughes said Ready had several items he believed were illegal to possess to include a rifle with a ten inch barrel, "simunition ammunition" containing a pull pin, and a large quantity of tear gas.

On Wednesday, April 25, 2012, Murray relayed the information about the possible contraband to Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Agent Jason Schmidt.

On Wednesday, May 2, 2012, Ready was involved in a murder-suicide resulting in his death and the death of four other family members.

At 1809 hours, Detective Steven Leon, #6327, sent an e-mail to Department of the Navy Lieutenant Chris Jeter with the Office of the Judge Advocate General, General Litigation Division, requesting Ready's United States Marine Corps disciplinary record. Leon also mailed a hard copy.

On Monday, May 7, 2012, Lt. Jeter stated, in an e-mail to Leon, the request was being processed by the main office and something would arrive shortly.

Based on the fact Ready is now deceased, no further criminal investigation will be conducted.

On Tuesday, May 8, 2012, I met with Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Agent Michael Caputo. I turned over a copy of everything the DPS had obtained during this criminal investigation.

On Monday, May 21, 2012, I was contacted by Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Agent Nicole Strong. I answered follow-up questions pertaining to their ATF investigation.

On Monday, June 11, 2012, I received Ready's Office of the Judge Advocate General (Department of the Navy) record. I forwarded the original record I received to FBI Agent Michael Caputo and a copy to ATF Agent Nicole Strong.